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SUBJECT Visit of Swedish Mership Braheholm to Gdynia

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1. Itinerary: The Swedish cargo ship Brakeholm arrived Gdynia, Poland from Gefle, Sweden on 18 October 1953 and was berthed at the US pier. After loading a partial cargo for New York, she sailed on 20 October for Gothenburg, her last port of call in Europe before sailing for the United States.
2. Cargo Information: A general cargo including such items as Christmas tree ornaments and 250 tons of canned Polish hams was loaded at Gdynia for the owner's account. The shippers were listed as "Animex, Centrala Imp-Exp Warsaw" and the consignees were listed on the manifest as "J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp; Notify: Atalanta Products Corp, 71 Hudson St, New York.
3. Port Observations: Source observed very little. The pilot at Gdynia told the source that three Soviet destroyers had been there a few days previously. There is considerable housing construction going on in Gdynia at present. Source remarked on the excellent condition of the outer buoys at Gdynia, pointing in particular to their excellent suitability as radar targets. He stated that on his visits to Gdynia he usually sighted one or two tugboats towing two or three well-laden barges in Eastbound coastwise trade. The tugs are large, of approximately 2000 HP.

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